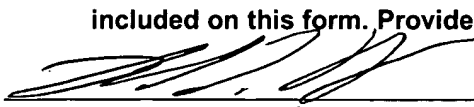
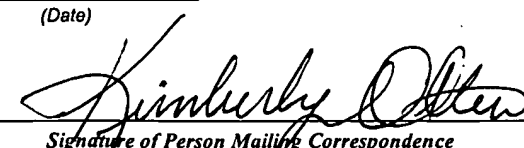


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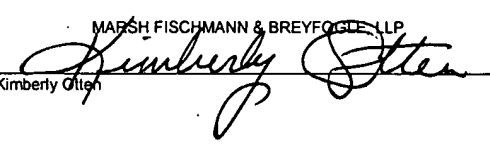
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Dear Sir or Madam:

Applicant submits this Amendment and Response to address the Office Action having a mailing date of August 22, 2005. Enclosed herewith is a petition for a three-month extension of time, thereby extending the time period for response from November 22, 2005 to February 22, 2006, as well as a check in the amount of \$510.00 as the fee for such extension. Although the Applicant believes that no additional fees are due for filing this Amendment and Response, please charge any fees deemed necessary to Deposit Account No. 50-1419.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: